Constitutional Status to NCW

3033. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposd to accord contitutional status to National Commission for Women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKACHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In functional and financial matters, the Commission, as per the provisions of the existing National Commission for Women Act, 1990, enjoys autonomy which is sufficient and essential to fulfill its mandate.

Lack of expenditure on child protection

3034. MS. SUSHILATIRIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are spending almost nothing on ensuring child protection; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKACHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The total share of child protection in the Union Budget for 2005-06 was 0.034 per cent and the position for the financial year 2006-07 remained the same.

Ministry of Women & Child Development has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme— Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for implementation during 11th Plan Period to provide for a comprehensive child protection framework for children of the country. The budget allocation under this scheme for 2007-08 is Rs. 95.00 crore.